

News Notes

Libraries Adding New Staff

Be looking for some new colleagues to join the ranks of the OSU Libraries over the next several months, as the system moves ahead with plans to meet existing and anticipated needs for additional expertise and support.

Libraries Director Joe Branin said the positions were approved by the Libraries' Executive Committee in keeping with the Libraries' commitment to address staffing gaps in several areas, as well as to adding new staff to support Library initiatives.

"We have the funds to meet some of the needs for additional support we have identified and discussed over the past few years," Branin said. "We are also in the position to bring staff on-board to provide the new skills and expertise we need at this point in our history."

The new approved positions:

- **2 Systems Librarians** (Faculty) – one to replace Laura Tull; the other is a new position. Both will report to Sally Rogers. The search committee is chaired by Beth Russell and the positions are currently being recruited.

- **3 Catalog positions** (Faculty) – reporting to Magda El-Sherbini, a Catalog Coordinator to replace Jim Murphy, and a new Cataloger. A new Metadata Cataloger will report to Tschera Connell. The search committee is chaired by Miriam Conteh-Morgan and will begin to be recruited this week.

- **Electronic Records Manager** (A&P or Faculty TBD) 1/2 funding split with the CIO. A position description is being drafted now.

- **IT liaison support staff position for HSS** (A&P or CCS TBD) – one position is approved to be recruited, and will report to HSS. Three other positions are place holders for possible recruitment later. These positions will report to the department where each one resides.

- **Graphic Designer** (A&P) - will report to Larry Allen, Communications Coordinator. Position is currently being recruited.

- **Web Manager** (classification to be determined) - this is a place holder position, with no description or time frame set at this time.

Branin said other positions had also been approved, as temporary positions, to address specific, short-term needs. These include:

- **Caniff Project Archivist** – two year temporary appointment, reporting to Lucy Caswell in CGA.

- **Contract positions to support reference and local services in CIPS**—one position description is being written by Anne Fields, Coordinator for CIPS Research and Reference, and a second position is being prepared by Dona Straley, Coordinator for CIPS Collections, with Marty Jamison, for a position with SEL. These contracts will be on a quarter-to-quarter basis.

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Lecture Series Kicks Off with "Reference Collection Renaissance"

The Library Lecture Committee launches a year-long series of events with *What, Where, When and Who: A Renaissance for the Reference Collection*, Tuesday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m in Room 210 of the Thompson Library.

Michael Buckland, Professor Emeritus, School of Information Management & Systems, and Co-Director of the Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative, University of California, Berkeley, will lead the session, which concludes at noon.



Recent research has been on improving libraries' ability to support searching by place and by time and the desirability of recreating the helpful structure of the reference collection in a digital library environment. The Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative, an informal international collaboration dedicated to advancing the humanities and social science, takes time and place more seriously - meaning the use of gazetteers, time period directories and the use of temporally dynamic maps as a supplementary interface for searching.

Prof. Buckland worked as a librarian and as an academic administrator in England and the U.S.A. His writings include *Library Services in Theory and Context* (Pergamon, 1983; 2nd ed. 1988), *Information and Information Systems* (Praeger, 1991), and *Redesigning Library Services* (American Library Association, 1992).

For more information on the program, call Kathy Dean, 688-5861.

New staff

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Branin explained that a few additional positions were being considered at this time, although they had not been approved yet. These include a grant writer position, which is not defined at this time, and may be a contract, temporary, or part time appointment.

Library Faculty and Staff Recognized for Outstanding Service

Members of the Libraries' faculty and staff are being recognized for their outstanding service to the profession and the library system during this year's staff appreciation day lunch, held on the lawn of the Thompson Library August 22.

Director's Awards for Outstanding Performance were presented to Harry Campbell of the Preservation Department and Marilyn Scott of CGA. Each received \$500 in recognition of their contribu-

tions to the Libraries.

Also recognized were staff members who received a "consistently exceeded expectations" rating in their overall performance for 2004/2005. (See photo below.)

In addition, the Libraries wishes to acknowledge members of the faculty who also received the highest rating for the past year. Faculty members were Mirrain Conteh-Morgan, Nancy Courtney, Kathy Dean, Karen Diaz, Magda

El-Sherbini, Anne Fields, Marsha Hamilton, Jennifer Kuehn, Natalie Kuperberg, Pred Mategic, Sarah Murphy, Beth Russell and Dona Straley.

Congratulations to all our colleagues for setting personal standards that benefit the library system and its users.



Harry Campbell, left, and Marilyn Scott were presented with the "Director's Awards for Outstanding Performance" by Libraries' Director Joe Branin.



Colleagues whose performance "consistently exceeded expectations" in 2004-2005 were (front row, from left): Nancy Helmick, Cheryl Obong, Joan Wells, Zaineb Bayahy, Becky Watts, Marilyn Scott, Toni Maniaci. Back row: Mark Boarman, Harry Campbell, John Mumaw, Mike Takach, Ryan Langhurst, Brian Miller.

Inset: Loretta Smith

Not pictured: Donna DeGeorge, Mary Ries



HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

VACANCIES

FACULTY

Information Technology - Systems Librarian – replacing Tull – 1st Listing

ADMINISTRATIVE and PROFESSIONAL

Administrative Services Department - Graphic Designer – New Position – 1st Listing

STAFF

Biological Sciences/Pharmacy Library – Library Associate 2 – replacing Miller

Scholarly Resources Integration Department – Office Associate – replacing McIntyre

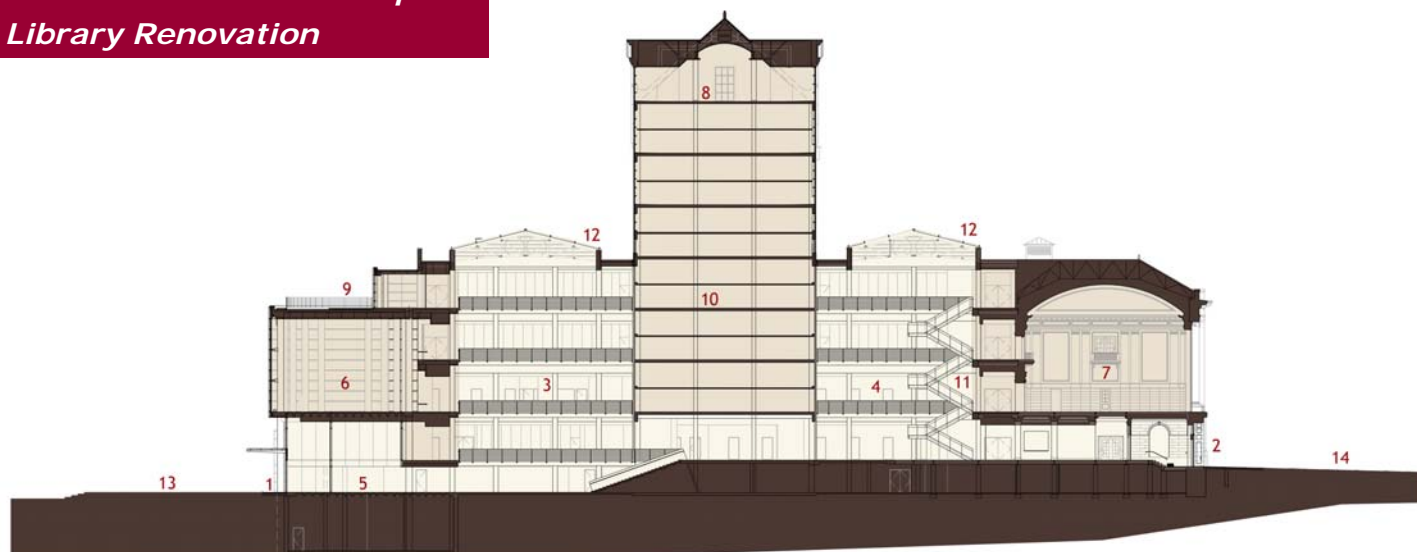
Theatre Research Institute – Library Associate 1 – replacing Pennington – 1st Listing

Science and Engineering Library – Library Associate 2 – replacing DeGray



In order to comply with University procedures, employees who are applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NEWS NOTES and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the five-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.

Latest look at the Thompson Library Renovation



SECTION



LEGEND:

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| 1. West Entry | 6. West Reading Room | 10. Collections within Tower |
| 2. East Entry | 7. Restored Grand Reference Room | 11. Glass Stair |
| 3. West Atrium | 8. Campus Reading Room | 12. Skylight |
| 4. East Atrium | 9. Roof Terrace | 13. West Plaza |
| 5. Cafe | | 14. Oval Lawn |

People News

Spot Bonus Awards

Nick Wilkenson: For completing a variety of tasks related to the upcoming construction in Sullivant Hall.

Eboni Francis: For creating and carrying out the "Brain Factor" library game show held September 22 in connection with Welcome Week.

Karen Diaz: For developing, formatting and helping coordinate the "Digital Safari" event on September 23 for Welcome Week.

Marty Jamison: For his work in coordinating library tours and organizing refreshments for the SEL arcade on September 21 for Welcome Week.

Larry Allen: For coordinating the production of ads, posters and flyers for the Libraries' Welcome Week activities.

Laura Bernazzoli, Stacks Supervisor, and **Hui Deng**, **Jeff Fowler**, **Anita Gangwar**, **Neshan Gassian**, **KK Harlan**, **Haydi Labib**, **Angelo Nasca**, **Neha Sethi**, **Pulin Soni**, **Jeremy Wartko**, Student Assistants: For their work in the Science & Engineering Library's "Big Shift" project, which will result in the move of 400,000 volumes. Each student assistant will receive a \$50 bonus.

Presentations

Eric Schnell (Health Sciences) presented "docMD: document medicated delivery – bringing Internet document delivery to small hospitals libraries" at the 9th International Congress on Medical Librarianship held September 20-23, 2005 in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

Publications

John M. Bennett, Rare Books & MSS Library, has published the following: 3 chapbooks of poetry: PUD LUG, Sutton, Surry, England: Writer's Forum, 2005; READED WITH YR JAW, Fort Collins, CO: Avantacular Press, 2005 [with Jim Leftwich & Andrew Topel]; and SHOULDER CREAM, West Hartford, CT: Cricket Press, 2005; a new book of Zaumist collaborative poetry, *K*, Columbus: Luna Bisonte

Prods, 2005. Co-Authors are Rea Nikonova and Serge Segay, and a chapbook of collaborative visual poetry, SNOZAMA, Columbus: Luna Bisonte Prods, 2005. Co-author is Vittore Baroni.

Honors

Jeff Thomas, Glenn Archivist, OSU Archives, was elected the vice-chair/chair-elect of the Congressional Papers Roundtable at the Society of American Archivists (SAA) conference. The SAA's Congressional Papers Roundtable consists of approximately 150 archivists directly involved with, or interested in, the preservation and use of the papers of members of the U.S. Congress. As the vice-chair/chair-elect Jeff will assist with the programming for the roundtable's meeting and pre-conference forum next year at the SAA conference in Washington, DC and chair the roundtable during the 2006-2007 academic year. More information on CPR is available at the roundtable's web site at <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/cpr/index.asp>.

Bill Studer Director of Libraries, Emeritus is serving as President of The Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA), whose mission is: *To provide a variety of programs and services that enrich the lives of its members and benefit the University and the greater community.* Every retiree receives a complimentary membership for the first year after retirement.

Passings

Nancy Sanders, a former OSUL staff member who resigned from what was then the Human Ecology Library in 1990, died September 14. Nancy's husband, **William "Bill" Crowe**, was also with OSUL, as Assistant Director for Technical Services. Notes of condolence can be sent to Bill at 910 E. 850 Rd., Lawrence, KS 66047-9578.

**All Faculty-Staff-Student Employees are invited to the Main Library
"Haunted" Staff Lounge for the:**



The Libraries Annual Halloween Party

Thursday, October 27th

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

*For only \$2 enjoy The Sub Club: make your own Sub, have chips, cookies, candy, novelty ice cream (while supplies last), and a drink (while supplies last). Door Prizes will also be given. **Wear a Costume and enter the Costume Contest!** Judging will begin at 12:30 (All costumed participants will receive a prize)*

Special prizes will be awarded for the: Best Skit, Most Original Costume, and Funniest Costume.

Service Values of

The Ohio State University Libraries

In addition to supporting the University's Academic Plan, The Ohio State University Libraries commits to the following service values:

Learning: Advocate learning as a primary library principle in all interactions, including support of decision making at all levels and encouragement of professional growth and development.

Meeting Needs: Assess needs and provide service and/or needed resources accurately in a timely manner.

Respectful Interactions: Exercise a positive attitude, appreciate differences, maintain confidentiality, and provide a supportive atmosphere for inquiry and effective dialogue/communication.

Stewardship: Acquire, preserve, and protect human and information resources and maintain physical facilities to enhance the learning environment.

Creativity: Take the initiative; be dynamic and innovative in meeting people's needs, being willing to take risks and maintaining the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances.

Interdependence: Collaborate within and among library units, and foster partnerships and outreach to the larger community to ensure/enhance successful operations and accountability.

Mission Statement

The Ohio State University Libraries is committed to meeting the diverse and changing information needs of the University's students, faculty, and staff, and to participating in resource sharing programs throughout Ohio and the world.

The Libraries' facilities, collections, services, instruction, and scholarship contribute to the University's attainment of excellence in teaching, research and service.

To these ends, the Libraries collect, create, organize, manage, preserve and provide access to information sources, and foster an environment conducive to academic inquiry, scholarly communication, creative achievement, and lifelong learning.

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